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1. FOR SECOND TIME IN FIVE WEEKS INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE'S EDITORIAL PAGE CARRIES ARTICLE BY ENRICO JACCHIA, FORMER DIRECTOR OF EURATOM OFFICE OF NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS, IN SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY.
2. JACCHIA BEGINS HIS JUNE 30 IHT PIECE BY ASSERTING THAT QTE SAFEGUARDS ARE NOT SAFE UNQTE AND THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENCOURAGE BELIEF THAT SAFEGUARDS CAN BE MODIFIED TO BECOME EQUAL TO TASK OF NON-PROLIFERATION. HE CRITICIZES THOSE WHO ARE PRESSURING US FOR SOFTENING OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICY.
3. ARTICLE ARGUES THAT HAVE-NOT NATIONS WANT REPROCESSING

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PLANTS BOTH FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION AND FOR BOMB RAW MATERIALS, AND THAT POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS ARE SEEKING JUSTIFICATION FOR SALES. JUSTIFICATION THEY OFFER IS THAT SAFEGUARDS WILL BE BUILT INTO SALES ARRANGEMENTS. BUT WHAT IF SAFEGUARDS ARE NOT REALLY ADEQUATE?

4. ARTICLE CONTINUES, QTE THERE ARE LIMITS... TO

CONSTRAINTS WHICH MAY BE IMPOSED ON OPERATORS WITHOUT HAMPERING VERY VIABILITY OF NUCLEAR INDUSTRY. THOSE LIMITS HAVE TO BE KEPT IN MIND WHEN PEOPLE TALK OF IMPOSING EVER STRICTER SAFEGUARDS. ALTERNATIVE IS TO ALLOW EXPORT OF ELECTRONUCLEAR PLANTS, WHICH ARE COMPARATIVELY EASY TO CONTROL, AND PUT EMBARGO, AS PRESIDENT CARTER PROPOSES, ON MORE AMBIGUOUS AND DANGEROUS INSTALLATIONS...

5. QTE SECOND POINT IS THAT SAFEGUARDS ARE, AT BEST, ONLY AN ALARM SIGNAL. VIENNA AGENCY HAS NO POWER TO PHYSICALLY PREVENT DIVERSION OR RECUPERATE DIVERTED MATERIALS. WHEN DIVERSION HAS TAKEN PLACE, AND HAS BEEN DETECTED, IAEA MAY ONLY REPORT THE SAD RESULT TO THE TOP OF THE HIERARCHY UP TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL (AS EURATOM'S COMMISSION DID, REPORTING TO ITS COUNCIL THE PLUMBAT AFFAIR).

6. QTE FINALLY, OBLIGATION UNDERTAKEN BY A STATE TO SUBMIT ITS NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES TO INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS SHOULD BE SOLID AND PERENNIAL AS GIBRALTER. IT IS NOT. EACH PARTY HAS RIGHT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE NON-PROLIFERATION PACT (AND FROM SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM) IF IT DECIDES THAT EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS HAVE JEOPARDIZED ITS SUPREME INTERESTS. UNQTE.

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7. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH IMAGINED SCENARIO OF QTE PEACE-LOVING COUNTRY UNQTE RECEIVING REACTORS AND ENRICHING-REPROCESSING INSTALLATIONS UNDER STRICTEST SAFEGUARDS, UNDERGOING CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT, AND PRODUCING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUPREME NATIONAL INTERESTS. QTE MR. EKLUNDS STRICTEST SAFEGUARDS WILL BE OF NO HELP IN SUCH A CASE. HE MAY AGAIN RESENT THIS STATEMENT AND I WOULD UNDERSTAND HIM. BUT IN A MATTER WHICH IS CRUCIAL FOR FUTURE OF MANKIND IT IS SAFER TO RELY ON MORE DRASTIC APPROACH OF PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES. IF HE KEEPS ADAMANT AND RESISTS COMBINED PRESSURE FROM HOME AND ABROAD. END QTE. HOFFMAN

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